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1. FOLLOWING FESTAC TID-BITS WERE PICKED UP AT RECENT DIPLOMATIC LUNCH BY POL COUNSELOR.
 2. ACCORDING TO ZAMBIAN EMBOFF, PRESIDENT KAUNDA IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE JANUARY 12 FOR FIVE-DAY STATE VISIT WHICH WILL INCLUDE A COUNTRY-WIDE TOUR. ZAMBIANS ARE EXPECTING 200-250 PERFORMERS.
 3. THE GHANAIS ARE EXPECTING CONTINGENT OF 300.
 4. TOTAL OF SOME SIX OR SEVEN HEADS OF STATE ARE NOW EXPECTED - AMONG THEM EMPEROR BOKASSA. PROBLEM WITH BOKASSA IS THAT NIGERIANS INVITED HIM FOR FESTAC'S OPENING
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CEREMONIES BUT HE HAS ASKED TO COME ON A STATE VISIT.

5. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO DELEGATION EXPECTED NUMBER 110, INCLUDING TWO OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT DELEGATES - A PERMANENT SECRETARY, FROM MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND AMBASSADOR AT LARGE, ONE MR. PITT WHO WAS ATTORNEY GENERAL UNTIL HE LOST HIS

PARLIAMENTARY SEAT IN ELECTIONS HELD EARLIER THIS YEAR.
ACTING TRINIDAD-TOBAGO HIGH COMMISSIONER CLAXTON SAYS HE
HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO FIND SOMEONE IN FESTAC TO TELL HIM WHERE
CONTINGENT WILL BE HOUSED. HE HAS BEEN TO SECRETARIAT AND
FESTAC VILLAGE SEVERAL TIMES SINCE LAST WEEK WITHOUT OBTAINING
ANSWERS TO HIS MANY QUESTIONS. HE REPORTS THAT VILLAGE STILL
WITHOUT ELECTRICITY, WATER AND SEWAGE FACILITIES BUT THAT SOME
QUARTERS ARE FURNISHED. (GHANAIA MINISTERS COUNSELOR IS UNDER
IMPRESSION THAT THERE ARE MOBILE GENERATORS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE
ELECTRICITY FOR THE VILLAGE.) CLAXTON RATHER UNCERTAINLY SAYS
HE HAS NO OPTION EXCEPT TO TAKE AT FACE VALUE COMMANDER FINGESI'S
ASSURANCES THAT HOUSING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE. IF NOT, HE SAYS,
HE'LL PUT HIS COUNTRY'S DELEGATION BACK ON THE CHARTER AND
RETURN THEM HOME. (COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND NAZ CONTINGENT WAS
SHOWN ITS AREA IN VILLAGE DURING RECENT STAY.)
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